

FIRST STEP TO RECOGNIZE UN DAY FOR CELEBRATING THE END TO VIOLENCE ON 25TH  
NOVEMBER 2018, IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BY MAVAW.

(sent to Librarian at Parliament re the Counting Unremunerated Work Act of 1996)

Much Thanks. You told me that some time ago. You did not say if the 1996 Act, now law, has been Proclaimed, an action necessary for it be become operational, as far as I know. Once proclaimed, it will direct the Statistical Director to start the process to quantify unremunerated work in Trinidad and Tobago, putting that figure in our National Accounts, the Gross Domestic Product, GDP, one of a first countries worldwide to have such legislation.

If it is not done yet after 24 years, our Organisation Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW), will write the President, a woman for the first time, to so do for the celebration of the United Nations day to celebrate the elimination of violence against women, which will be held on Sunday the 25th day of November 2018.

This is celebrated here every year and MAVAW has been an active participation every year. An exhibition is being planned for Friday the 23rd of November, venue to be announced. The Library may want to be involved, showing its achievement in that regard.

MAVAW's work is archived at <https://www.archive.org/details/@mavawsec>. All work so far is for free download and use. The longest piece is 450 pages and is our 2015 Report To Parliament on the history of Violence Reduction Efforts by us. This is Part One and is the secretary's work in the Organisation. The work by other members will be form Part Two, and their published material has a cost attached.

Other significant methodologies for violence reduction include, our Domestic Violence Awareness Handbook, first published in 2002 and revised electronically in 2005, still the only such work done in the Caribbean. Our Desktop Published Textbook to raise children without violence, using an Attention Based Model, titled Parenting Without Tears, our Enhancing the Family PowerPoint Training Manual, our Gender Neutral concept to analyze dysfunction in relationships, titled The BSD Syndrome, our Curriculum Guide for Healthy Relationship Teaching in our school system. 63 uploads to date and all have relevance to Nation Building Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago.

The beautiful thing about this Act of 1996, is that it is Gender Neutral and both men and women will have their work classified and recognized in our National Accounting system.

Signed.....Secretary/Director MAVAW

**Donald Berment of Men Against Violence Against Women.**      **Date Tuesday 16th October 2018.**